

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A method for producing an aluminum composite material comprising:

~~cutting sawing~~ at least one cladding layer of a specified thickness suitable for use as a cladding layer from a first ingot made from a first aluminum material in a longitudinal direction;

placing said cladding layer on a side of a second ingot made from a second aluminum material; and

rolling said cladding layer and said second ingot, said rolling comprising several roll passes thereby producing said aluminum composite material.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said ~~cutting sawing~~ comprises band sawing said cladding layer from said first ingot.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein, after said ~~cutting sawing~~, said cladding layer has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 6 wherein, after said ~~cutting sawing~~, said cladding layer has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating a surface from the group consisting of:

- (a) at least one surface of said cladding layer;
- (b) at least one surface of said second ingot; and
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended). A method for producing at least one aluminum cladding layer from a first ingot made from a first aluminum material, said cladding layer for use in an aluminum composite material, said composite material being produced at least partially by (1) placing said cladding layer on a side of a second ingot made from a second aluminum material, and (2) rolling said cladding layer and said second ingot, said rolling comprising several roll passes thereby producing said composite material, said method comprising ~~cutting sawing~~ said

aluminum cladding sheet from said first ingot in a longitudinal direction at a specified thickness suitable for use as a cladding sheet for said composite material.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 14 wherein said cutting sawing comprises band sawing said cladding layer from said first ingot.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 14 wherein, after said cutting sawing, said cladding layer has a thickness of 2 mm to 100 mm.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising, prior to said rolling, treating at least one surface of said cladding layer.